GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:188
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2016
Subsidy under National Horticulture Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the production of Ginger and Turmeric in the country, during the last two years; State-wise

(b) whether the subsidy for growing Ginger and Turmeric under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is quite low 80 in various States, including Odisha and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enhance the rate of assistance/subsidy to farmers under the Post-Harvest Management under NHM and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to promote horticulture in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 DUE FOR REPLY ON 29TH NOVEMBER, 2016.

(a): The production of Ginger and Turmeric, in the country, during last two years, State-wise is placed at Annexure-I.

(b): The subsidy/ rate of assistance is calculated on the basis of cost norms of various crops, including ginger and turmeric. The cost norms of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) are fixed on the basis of cost of cultivation of that particular crop taking into account of all input costs.
Under MIDH, assistance is provided for area expansion of Seed and Rhizomatic spices such as ginger & turmeric @ 40% of the maximum cost of Rs. 30,000/ha. for meeting the expenditure on planting material and cost of INM/IPM etc. In case of NE and Himalayan states, TSP areas, Andaman and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is 50 % of the maximum cost.
(c): The cost norms were revised in the year 2013-14 under MIDH. Presently, there is no proposal to increase the rate of assistance for Post Harvest Management (PHM) intervention under MIDH.

(d): To promote the production of horticultural crops in the country Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which provides support for production of planting material, vegetable seed production, vegetable cultivation, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, creation of infrastructure to prevent post harvest losses of horticultural crops and adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Assistance for increasing horticulture production is also provided under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme.
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Besides above schemes, there are National Level Agencies (NLAs) like Directorate of Cashewnut and Cocoa Development (DCCD), Directorate of Arecanut & Spice Development (DASD), National Horticulture Research Development Foundation (NHRDF), National Bee Board (NBB), Spices Board etc. for which 100% grant is provided under MIDH for carrying out various interventions like Research & Development, capacity building, Skill development leading to overall development of horticulture in the country.
Apart from the above, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) plays a vital role in promotion of horticulture in the country through development of climate resilient High Yielding Varieties, improved production technologies, and their demonstration and extension through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the form of disease free planting material and complete package of practices for increasing production and productivity.